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FOR: DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR MANAGEMENT FROM AMBASSADOR JARAMILLO

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SUBJECT: MODE - AUTHORIZED STAFFING LEVELS OF AID FOR FY 78 AND
FY79

REF: STATE 124987

1. THIS EMBASSY IS COGNIZANT OF AND VIEWS AS A PRIMARY CRITERIONS
IN OUR PLANNING PROCESSES THE PRESIDENT'S CONTINUED CONCERN
THAT WE LIMIT OFFICIAL PERSONNEL OVERSEAS TO THE LOWEST LEVEL
REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE NATIONAL OBJECTIVES. WE ARE ALSO AWARE
OF THE PRESIDENT'S CONCLUSION THAT BILATERAL AID SHOULD BE EXPANDED
SIGNIFICANTLY OVER A FIVE-YEAR PERIOD. THESE VIEWS ARE NOT
INCONSISTENT, AND PRUDENCE MAY VERY LIKELY REQUIRE SOME
MODEST EXPANSION IN AID PERSONNEL STAFFING OVERSEAS.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE AID PROGRAM IN HONDURAS, RECOMMENDATIONS
TO WASHINGTON FOR PERSONNEL POSITIONS ROUTINELY CALL FOR MODE
CLEARANCE BY ME. THIS ENTAILS MY EXPLICIT REVIEW OF EACH
PROPOSED ADDITION. I ALSO PROVIDE GENERAL GUIDANCE TO THE
AID MISSION DIRECTOR CONCERNING BOTH PROGRAMS AND PERSONNEL.
AT THIS POST AID PROGRAM AND PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS
GOING FORWARD TO WASHINGTON, IRRESPECTIVE OF COMMUNICATION
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CHANNEL UTILIZED, REFLECT CONCLUSIONS REVIEWED AND
AGREED UPON BY ME.

3. THE AMERICAN POSITION TOTALS FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON
AND APPROVED BY ME FOR FYS 1978, 1979 AND 1980 ARE AS
FOLLOWS: 30, 36, 36. MORE THAN HALF OF THE INCREASES
ARE CONVERSION OF AMERICAN CONTRACT PERSONNEL AND IDIS ALREADY

AT THE POST. DETAILED POSITION INFORMATION, AS REQUESTED, IS AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON AND IS INCLUDED IN THE RECENTLY FORWARDED FY 1980 ANNUAL BUDGET SUBMISSION WHICH HAS MY GENERAL APPROVAL AND ENDORSEMENT. MR REMO GARUFI, LA/CEN, HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE THE INFO REQUESTED IN PARA 7 OF REFTEL.

4. IMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE JAO ARE EXPECTED TO BE MINIMAL INsofar AS THE CHANGES IN US STAFFING ARE MORE CHANGES IN EMPLOYMENT STATUS, I.E., DIRECT HIRE IN LIEU OF PSC'S, THEN CHANGES IN TOTAL NUMBERS TO BE SUPPORTED. WHILE NO INCREASE IN JAO STAFF IS CURRENTLY FORESEEN, IT REMAINS IMPERATIVE, HOWEVER, THAT OUR JAO COMPLEMENT NOT BE FURTHER REDUCED.
JARAMILLO

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